

(c) a motor for producing air flow through the vacuum cleaner positioned above the cyclonic cleaning stage when the upper body portion is pivoted to be generally vertical.

24. (New) The vacuum cleaner as claimed in claim 23 further comprising a second cyclonic cleaning stage downstream from the cyclonic cleaning stage.

25. (New) The vacuum cleaner as claimed in claim 24 wherein the first cyclonic cleaning stage comprises one cyclone and the second cyclonic cleaning stage comprises at least one cyclone.

26. (New) The vacuum cleaner as claimed in claim 24 wherein the second cyclonic cleaning stage comprises a plurality of cyclones arranged to operate in parallel.

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*cont* 27. (New) The vacuum cleaner as claimed in claim 23 further comprising a further cleaning member positioned between the cyclonic cleaning stage and the motor.

28. (New) The vacuum cleaner as claimed in claim 27 wherein the further cleaning member comprises an electrostatic precipitator.

29. (New) The vacuum cleaner as claimed in claim 28 wherein the electrostatic precipitator is removably mounted in the cyclone container.

30. (New) The vacuum cleaner as claimed in claim 29 wherein the cyclone container has an air outlet and the electrostatic precipitator is positioned in the air outlet of the cyclone container.

31. (New) The vacuum cleaner as claimed in claim 29 wherein the cyclone container has an air outlet and the electrostatic precipitator is removably mounted in the air outlet of the cyclone container.

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32. (New) The vacuum cleaner as claimed in claim 23 wherein the cyclonic cleaning stage is the primary dirt separation member.

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